

Newsletter Autumn Term 2024 -Year 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope that you have enjoyed your summer holidays. We are confident that we will be able to work together in order to provide the children with a happy and productive year.

We would like to invite all parents and carers to our Year 4 meeting which is going to be held on **Monday 23rd September 2024 at 2.45pm.** This is a brief meeting to outline the expectations of Year 4 and to tell you all about the curriculum this year. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please let us know and we can give you a copy of the PowerPoint which we will run through.

Miscellaneous

Firstly, may we remind you of the correct equipment that your child must have at school. Please could you ensure that your child has their own sensible pencil case which contains a pencil, 30cm ruler (not the bendy or fold in half types please), a sensible white rubber (this is to avoid smudging in their workbooks), and a pencil sharpener. Children may use a black pen once they have earned a pen licence. Your child may also bring colouring pencils, although both classes have a supply that can be used. We will be continuing to ask you to please send in a **named** water bottle for your child each day.

We will be having one PE session per week in Year 4 for the autumn term. PE lessons at school may alternate between inside and outside, weather dependent. In Harrier Class only, please make sure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on a Tuesday. Their kit should consist of navy or black shorts, a white T-shirt (Fairfields Logo preferred), a navy or black tracksuit/jumper and trainers. This term, Goshawk Class will be having swimming lessons on Thursday mornings as their PE lesson. Specific information about these lessons will have been sent to you separately.

Your child should also bring their reading book and reading record book to school every day. Please ensure that you keep the reading record book up to date and that you indicate when the book has been finished so that it can be changed. Your child will be responsible for handing in their book when it needs changing. We do expect children to aim to read at least one book a week.

May we also remind you that children with long hair should have it tied back at all times and no children should be wearing earrings of any kind at any time in school. This is due to health and safety advice and has been the school policy for many years.

Work

This year, the children will be engaging with a number of different themes and topics. Children will be developing key skills whilst covering curriculum content in an interesting and cross-curricular way.

We continue to teach English and Maths daily in Year 4. We will be sending home spellings to learn. Your child will receive 12 spellings. These will be given out on a Monday and tested on a Friday. Please find the statutory spellings for Year 4 at the end of this newsletter. We will continue to use Times Tables Rock Stars to learn our times tables (please encourage your children to use the website frequently to consolidate their knowledge). Children in Year 4 are expected to know off-by-heart their tables up to 12x12 by the end of this academic year and will undergo the Government Statutory Multiplication Check in June. The children will complete a weekly test with a focus on one or more of the times tables. This test will be against the clock. Please help your child to practise their tables and spellings on a weekly basis. This will be expected as homework and will be checked

on regularly. We will also be setting homework on SPaG.com weekly. In addition, the children will be given a choice of activities linked to their topic to complete over the half term. The children will be expected to bring this in and share it with the class.

Other topics that we will be studying this term include...

English	Key grammar skills, recounts in the style of a diary entry, stories with an adventure setting, stories with a fantasy setting, newspaper reports, letters and calligrams (poetry).
Maths	Key Skills, place value, shape, measure, statistics, mental and written addition and subtraction methods, perimeter and multiplication and division facts.
Science	Electricity and Sound
Computing	iCompute- iProgram, iAnimate, iData
Art	Storytelling Through Drawing
Design Technology	Light Up Signs
Geography	Based on our 'Walk Like an Egyptian/ Trade' topic
History	Based on our 'Walk Like an Egyptian/Trade' topic
Music	Mamma Mia & Glockenspiel skills
RE	Christianity and Buddhism
PE	Tennis and Tag Rugby or Swimming
French	Presenting Myself & Family
PSHCE	Being Me in My World and Celebrating Difference

It is always helpful if the children can be encouraged to visit the local library or use the internet with adult supervision, to research our topics.

Trips and Workshops

We have already organised a number of trips and workshops for the coming school year. Those that have been confirmed are listed below. If you require financial support for any of the trips/workshops then please contact the office, as soon as possible, on admin@fairfields.herts.sch.uk

Egyptian Workshop	Friday 25th October 2024
Romans Workshop	Friday 10th January 2024
Anglo-Saxon Workshop	Friday 14th March 2024
Warner Bros. Studios	TBC

If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything with your child's teacher, please make an appointment to do so. This can be done through the school office or by talking to the class teacher at an appropriate time (normally after school).

We look forward to working with you and your child in the year ahead.

Mrs S Rigby & Mr J Murphy
(Year 4 Class Teachers)

Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings

accident	disappear	interest	pressure
accidentally	early	island	probably
actual	earth	knowledge	promise
actually	eight	learn	purpose
address	eighth	length	quarter
answer	enough	library	question
appear	exercise	material	recent
arrive	experience	medicine	regular
believe	experiment	mention	reign
bicycle	extreme	minute	remember
breath	famous	natural	sentence
breathe	favourite	naughty	separate
build	February	notice	special
busy	forward	occasion	straight
business	forwards	occasionally	strange
calendar	fruit	often	strength
caught	grammar	opposite	suppose
centre	group	ordinary	surprise
century	guard	particular	therefore
certain	guide	peculiar	though
circle	heard	perhaps	although
complete	heart	popular	thought
consider	height	position	through
continue	history	possess	various
decide	imagine	possession	weight
describe	increase	possible	woman
different	important	potatoes	women
difficult			